

REMARKS

Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group I, which encompasses Claims 1-3, 4-6, 8-10 and 18 and which is drawn to an isolated sodium channel type III alpha subunit ( $m\text{Na}_v1.3 \alpha$  subunit) polypeptide, an isolated  $m\text{Na}_v1.3 \alpha$  subunit nucleic acid molecule that encodes a sodium channel type III  $\alpha$  subunit, an expression vector, and a host cell, and a method of modulating a  $m\text{Na}_v1.3 \alpha$  subunit polypeptide activity in a cell. No species election is required for this group.

Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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